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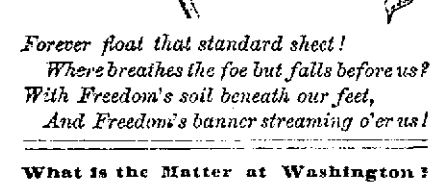
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The Daily Gazette.
City of Janesville.
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 1861.
Official Paper of the City.



Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us?
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us!

What is the Matter at Washington?

That the war is not prosecuted with vigor is the judgment of a large majority of the people. Many, however, withhold complaints because they think the government and the military leaders have some secret plan, which is maturing, that will suddenly overwhelm the rebels. But the number is increasing daily who doubt that there is any general military plan, and who believe that the only scheme for ending the war is political in its nature. Our military operations are comparatively fruitless. The generals appear to be held back by the president and the cabinet, or such commanders are appointed as are known to be slow and conservative. The object of this policy appears to be to worry out the rebels and not offend the half way men in the south who pretend to be Union men. It seems that the favorite political policy is, that the while the rebellion is to be suppressed by warring, the seceded states are to be restored to the Union in precisely the condition they were before the rebellion. We have not seen the instructions of the secretary of state to our ministers abroad, but it is said that he declares to Mr. Drayton that whether the rebellion is suppressed or not, slavery in the rebel states will remain as it is. This appears to be the key to the want of vigor manifested by the administration—it is their determination, in restoring the Union, not to permit slavery to be harmed. It also explains the modification of Fremont's proclamation, his subsequent superseding, the modification of Cameron's report, the returning of fugitive slaves by officers of the army, or their expulsion from their lines, and the general disinclination to clear the departments at Washington from sympathizers with the rebellion and to punishing traitors. Slavery is to remain as it is, though the rebellion lasts for years. We are to run all the risks of foreign wars, internal revolution, and an enormous national debt, rather than harm the sacred institution. This is "what is the matter at Washington." The administration does not dare to let a general march into the heart of the south, carrying with him a victorious northern army, for fear the Union cannot be reconstructed as it was, with the accused evil of slavery attacked to it. We have reconstructed Western Virginia, and we have a senator, Carlisle, from thence, who talks of negro theories as gibberish as Mason, and declares, if the institution is harmed, that southern Union men will leave the army. This is the result, all we have gained, by the tolls and loss of lives, by our brave northern volunteers in that portion of Virginia from whence this precious Union man with an if, comes into the senate chamber to lecture us on slavery, and denounce patriotic men as negro thieves. If we are to go on in our reconstruction as we have thus begun, and if this is to be our reward, the people will soon begin to ask, Will it pay?

THE MORTAR FLEET.—Commodore Porter's mortar fleet will be ready to sail the latter part of this month. The schooners and brigs, twenty in number, are now receiving extra timbers at New York ship yards. The mortar bed-plates, upon which the ponderous ordnance will rest, are now in process of manufacture at New York iron works. Each vessel will carry one mortar of the largest dimensions, supplied by the government. The draught of vessels equipped, will range from ten to twelve feet, especially adapting them for service in shallow waters. Their destination is known only to the government.

B. F. Hopkins, Esq., returned from his trip east on Saturday night. We are authorized to say that he went and returned as his own and not at the State's expense.—*Madison Patriot.*

Is this incident so uncommon in Madison that it is worthy of special notice?

A HIGHWAYMAN'S PLEA.—The London Times of December 5th says:

"We are not more inculcated than other people. When we were at once strong and passionate, we sometimes did unjustifiable things. Having done them, we generally fought our way out of the difficulty, but we never claimed to make precedents of them, nor were other nations ever willing to accept them as such. International law, like municipal law, changes with the necessities of society; and both Gen. Scott and his friends at home must be prepared to accept as international law not what we or others have done in old times, but what we should be permitted ourselves to do in the present day."

A Meeting of the "Grand State League of Farm Mortgagees" is called, to be held in Milwaukee, on the 24 day of January.

Read the prospectus of the New York Ledger, in another column. It shows how real talent will thrive in spite of the times. The Ledger is the most successful paper ever published, and has the largest circulation. See what Mr. Bonner says in his own advertisement.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The telegraph office will be open to-morrow (Christmas) from 8 to 11 o'clock A. M.

An Important Letter

The Wisconsin of last evening contains a letter making serious charge of misconduct against the colonel of every Wisconsin regiment in the department of the Potomac except Col. Cobb, which should receive the attention of those implicated. We forbear from re-publishing these charges until sufficient time has been allowed for a denial, if they are untrue, or such other notice of them as the officers may choose to make. The writer of this letter, whose signature is "Outsider," is so well known as to relieve his communication from the character of an anonymous publication. We do not see how the persons implicated can avoid a notice of the charges without an indirect admission of the truth.

The letter contains some other matters of general interest which we extract:

I have heard of the great difficulty of obtaining a pass to visit our encampments—"I didn't see it," in fact one was placed in my hand without asking, good for "six days," and I shall visit all the Wisconsin regiments about Washington as I leave, and give you the result of my observations. Sunday afternoon and evening visited the camps of the 6th, 7th and 2d. The second seeing the Ball's camp, has much improved in appearance, when they next go into the light they will be heard from. No better regiment is in the army of the Potomac. Col. O'Connor was in camp; I was glad to see him there; but sorry to find that owing to a throat affection he can speak but little above his breath, and then only with tiresome effort. That he would make a good commander of a regiment, had he the physical ability, there is no doubt; but as it is he should have a prospect of getting over this difficulty soon or resign.

DISAPPEARED SOLDIERS IN THE STRAITS.—I am disappointed, *daily disappointed*, at the appearance of things in and about Washington. Yesterday afternoon, in walking from the capitol to the post office, a distance of say three-fourths of a mile, I counted on the sidewalk lounging and those in uniform of the U. S. A., officers and soldiers. On my way back I did not count them, but met as many more. I should judge, and saw two marched off by the police, and many others in and out of the better condition. At the least, there were in the streets of Washington yesterday, 3,000 officers and soldiers, and they can get all the liquor they have money to pay for. In the camp, also, liquor can be had by paying money enough for it. It is prohibited by the regulations, but officers who drink themselves cannot enforce the rule very strictly. Many of the officers do all in their power to banish it from their camp, but thus far with partial success only. Men whom I saw here in July, call my attention to the throng of soldiers in the streets, in the capital, drinking saloons, *everywhere* in the city, and with a slunk of the head, say, "almost as bad as before Bull Run." Now, also, as then, of the thousands in the city, very few belong to the Wisconsin regiments.

ABOUT SENDING JELLYS, &c., FOR THE SICK.—When in Milwaukee on my way here, two very worthy and benevolent ladies made me promise to write as to the best way of sending delicacies and necessities for the sick in camp, and to them just as it is. My advice to them, and all others, is: If you have anything of the kind to spare, seek out the destitute in Milwaukee or elsewhere in your own neighborhood, and see *yourself* that it reaches the person for whom it is intended. If you send it here, the chances are that it will go in the private store of some officer, unless directed to some individual, in care of the quartermaster, and then it would do no harm to send a letter to the person advising him of its being sent. I know those women to be actuated by the most generous and holy impulses, those which ennoble humanity; and yet I also know that jellies and other delicacies sent from Wisconsin to our soldiers, under such circumstances, have been taken for the use of the strong and able man; and my friends need not wonder that it was very difficult for me to refrain from using hard words when I learned of it. If, however, the old principle that, better ninety and nine guilty go unpunished, than one innocent suffer, is applied to this case, why send along your jellies; for I think that is just about the proportion that will be benefited.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.—I notice that both our senators are all the time at their posts, and no man commands more attention when speaking than Doolittle. I have not heard Judge Howe in the senate; but we know his power as a speaker, and that when occasion calls, his voice will be heard, and that too with effect.

It is doing but simple justice to Mr. Potter to say that there is no harder working man in congress than he. Early and late he is at his committee room at work, and as I verily believe for the best interests of the country. His experience here, and familiarity with the way and manner of doing business with the department give him power that no new member possesses, and it is useless to ignore the fact that he is influential, both in and out of the house. Both Hanchett and Sloan occupy enviable positions for new members, and as a whole, Wisconsin may feel proud of her representatives.

YOUNG CARPENTER, OF MILWAUKEE.

The North Carolina convention and provisional government, that gave encouragement to many of the people of the north, appears to have been a great humbug. The "large delegation" from Raleigh, and from the south part and centre of that state, was "got up" by some few individuals who represented twenty-nine counties. When I heard of it I thought they must have patterned after the famous convention at which Barrow received his last nomination, and, on making further inquiry into the matter of the actors, who should turn up as one of the principal, was E. W. Carpenter, formerly back-sheep at the Lake House, Walker's Point, then insurance agent in Washington county, peevish in Milwaukee, and now an F. F. of the first water from North Carolina. I had him pointed out to me as one of the local and true men who was maintaining the cause of the Union in the old north state, and had made great sacrifices for the stars and stripes.

It is very easy to realize that within 15 miles of where I am now writing there are thousands of secessionists in arms against our government, and many of those highest in office do not realize it today. I fear the result of a little near here. Our men are not under such discipline as they should be; the contractors, the people of Washington and the sutlers, have not yet gorged themselves sufficiently.

ABOUT SOLDIERS AND SUTLERS.—While in camp I heard the men criticize the acts of officers, and talk about their own individual matters. There is great want of confidence between the soldiers and officers, and in too many instances the soldier believes the colonel in partnership with the sutler. In many of the camps there is a class of soldiers that rotate between the hospital and the sutler's shop. When out of the hospital they indulge their appetite in candies, pies, cake, raisins, figs, &c., and as a natural result go back to the hospital, and repeat the same thing as soon as they get out.

The sutler will start with a capital of say from \$250 to \$1,000. Under the rules of the service, he can "rust" each soldier to one-third his pay and deduct it therefrom, and that sum is \$4,000 per month, then while they have money they pay for what they buy. Of course there are exceptions, soldiers who do not spend all their money with the sutler, but they are exceptions. Each soldier of a regiment must average at the sutler's shop one month, the half of which is clear profit, being at the least \$200.00 per year, and they can well afford to club stocks and raise a large sum of money to resist the passage of Wilson's bill to abolish them.

BY TELEGRAPH.

REPORTED FOR THE DAILY GAZETTE.

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Last Night's Report.

New York, Dec. 23.
Levi Mann, a colored person, formerly a waiter on the steamer Star of the West, and who for a long time has been a prisoner in Alabama, arrived here recently from Fort Pickens. He informs the Herald that there are over 8,000 runaway negroes hidden in the woods in Alabama. They have vague ideas of the war, (same as in Washington.) Mann was in the rebel guard-house at Warrington during the bombardment. He says when Fort Pickens opened on the rebels in the navy yard, a regiment of Mississippi troops were on morning parade. The attack was wholly unexpected by the soldiers, and when the firing commenced, they broke and in despite all the entreaties of their officers, retreated in double quick time, throwing away their rifles, blankets and equipments. After the rebels opened their batteries on Fort Pickens, they became more cool and determined, influenced by the manner of General Bragg and other high rank officers, who moved from point to the bombardment progress. During the bombardment, the fort shot and shell dismounted three guns in Fort McKee, breaching it in several places, so that the rebels found it untenable and consequently evacuated it. The buildings in the navy yard were all perforated with shot, and the village of Warrington entirely destroyed. Mann is of the opinion that had the bombardment been followed by the landing of the union troops on the enemy's soil, their efforts could not but have been attended with success, so thoroughly were the rebels demoralized. He says there are many union men at Pensacola who are pressed in the rebel army, and only wait in the hope of a speedy deliverance by the landing of union troops.

New York, Dec. 28.
Washington special says that Minister Adams reports to the state department that he had an interview with Earl Russell after discussion of the Trent affair in the British cabinet, but no definite conclusion was arrived at. Special also states that Ireland is ripe for a revolution, and that it is in danger of being invaded by the British. Not much faith is placed in this.

Gen. Burnside's expedition will not get away from Annapolis till after Christmas. St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 21.

The Arago has arrived off Cape Race with news from Havre the 11th and Southampton 12th.
Gen. Scott is a passenger on her. His health is much improved.
The Warrior will be supplied with eight Armstrong 100 pounders, and will also carry 40-pounders for 70-pounders. She would be ready for three years' service.
The Grenadier Guards are to hold themselves in readiness to embark at a moment's notice. Other troops have been ordered to proceed immediately to Canada.

The Niagara's advice caused an advance of 5 to 8 in consols. They closed on the 10th at 95 3/8 for money and 90 1/2 account.

The French press, except the Monitor, says that France will remain neutral. It is a large staff of medical officers has been ordered to Canada.

Capt. Williams of the Trent, has received a letter from the British government approving of his conduct.

At Lloyd's, risks on American ships have been refused.

Cotton is firmer and slightly advanced. Breadstuffs generally dull. Wheat quiet and declined. Corn heavy and declining.

Gen. Scott is preparing to embark on the Arago had a long interview with Prince Napoleon.

There is no abatement in England of warlike preparations.

New York, Dec. 22.
The Herald's Fortress Monroe special states that steamboats, propellers and large launches are being built at the Norfolk navy yard, to attempt the recapture of Hatteras. They are to rendezvous at Ronoke Island, where they will be joined by gunboats now fitting out at Norfolk. Eleven hundred men are said to be employed in Norfolk, under Englishmen, making guns and projectiles from recent English patterns.

St. Charles, Mo., Dec. 21.
A preconcerted movement was made last night by secessionists along the North Missouri railroad, and rebels recently returned from Price's army, by which about 100 miles of the road was nearly destroyed, or at least rendered useless.

Commencing eight miles south of Hudson they burned the bridges, wood-piles, water tanks and ties, tore up the rails for miles, bent them, and destroyed the telegraph lines. This was continued to Warrenton, where the work of destruction ceased. How many were concerned in this villainous work is not yet known, but there is no doubt that it was a preconcerted and simultaneous movement of the citizens along the road, as no single party could have accomplished so much in one night. Three hundred of the villains are known to have been engaged in the destruction of the bridge track at Warrenton.

Special dispatches to the Chicago Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.
Adjutant General Thomas has received a letter from Gen. Batte, accompanied by a copy of a report from Brigadier General Phelps.

Gen. Butler says he has not received an exact copy of Phelps' proclamation, but has information which renders it certain that the printed copies are correct.

Gen. Butler concludes as follows: "I need hardly say that the issuing of any proclamation on such an occasion was neither suggested nor authorized by me—most certainly such an one. With that exception, I commend this report and ask attention to its clear, business-like statements."

Gen. Halleck telegraphs to Gen. McClellan that Capt. Weed's scouting party has returned from the rebels. It pursued the enemy south of Houston, killed one and brought in a major as prisoner of war, captured one hundred of Price's men and released them on parole, not being able to bring them in.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.
The deputy provost marshal to-day arrested, on board the steamer Gen. Veems, on his way down the Patuxent river, an Englishman named Wilson, having secured in his clothing a quantity of morphine and quinine. He also arrested, on suspicion, a man named Hanna. Both are supposed to be rebel agents.

New York, Dec. 21.
Mrs. Cachoel Myers, wife of one of the counsel in the case of the privateers of the Savannah has been brought here by the steamer of Vermont, charged with misprision of treason, having letters and papers in her possession for the south.

Dubuque, Dec. 21.
The ice in the river stopped running some time last night. If the weather continues cold, the ice bridge will soon be ready for use.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 22.
Thirty-four cars, loaded with prisoners taken by Gen. Pope, go to St. Louis to-night.

The prisoners are a motley crew, ranging from sixteen to seventy years of age. Many of the arms captured are United States muskets, and some of the men are dressed in United States uniforms, taken from our troops at Lexington.

Several United States wagons were also recaptured.

Palmyra, Mo., Dec. 22.
Major McKee, with 103 men of Col. Bishop's regiment, encountered and repulsed 400 rebels four miles south of Hudson, and killed ten, took seventeen prisoners and thirty horses. Five of our troops were slightly wounded. The rebels had attacked a stock train, captured all the stock, held the railroad men as prisoners, and were in the act of unloading the stock when the train, stock and men were rescued by our troops.

Orterville, Mo., Dec. 22.
I learned yesterday that among the prisoners taken by Gen. Pope last Thursday was the notorious Col. Magoffin, of Georgetown, Missouri.

About two weeks ago Col. Magoffin sent word to the commanding officer that his wife was dangerously ill, and begged to be permitted to see her ere she died. He was informed that if he would give his parole as a prisoner of war his request would be granted. He did so, and went home. The next day he was heard from, and he commanded the whole force which defended the bridge that Col. Davis carried by assault. That he fled with his party and was not taken until some time after the rest of the rebel force had surrendered, and in consequence of the darkness of the night he was not recognized until the next day.

He is one of the most desperate and unscrupulous of the marauders of this section, and it is to be hoped that he will receive the punishment and forfeiture his crimes deserve.

It seems that Col. Magoffin having visited his home and arranged his affairs, sent a messenger recalling his parole, but instead of surrendering himself as officers usually do, he left, and before the messenger reached Sedalia was in the rebel army, and when the fight came on, feeling that he deserved, and would probably receive, different treatment from those who had not forfeited all right to be treated as rebels. Gen. Pope refused to accept his parole, and ordered him to be placed in confinement until Gen. Halleck decided what disposition to make of him.

To-day's Report.

(Reported Exclusively for the Daily Gazette.)

MORNING DESPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.
The President has approved and signed the bill to further promote the efficiency of the navy.

The special—We learn that Lord Lyons had to-day another interview with Mr. Seward. It is understood, upon what seems to be good authority, that the meeting was friendly in its character and satisfactory in its results. Lord Lyons, who some days ago seemed to be in doubt whether he could do so, has formally renewed his previous invitations for Christmas. A cabinet meeting is to be held to-morrow, at which it is thought the case will be thoroughly discussed.

Intelligence was received here to-day that Gen. Kelly was at Hancock, and about to move toward Winchester by way of Martinsburg, driving the rebels from that section of the state as he proceeded, and re-opening the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as soon as practicable. Money has gone to Kansas to-day to pay the arrears due the troops raised there to help Missouri rebels. \$320,000 is the sum raised.

New York, Dec. 24.
The Times publishes an interesting statement made by Lieut. Hurd of the 2d Maine regiment, who was captured and taken prisoner at Bull Run, and has recently been released. He together with Col. Corcoran, and some 300 others, were confined in the Charleston jail at the time of the great conflagration there, and they only escaped from the jail which was burnt, by leaping from a window. No effort being made to save them by the Charlestonians, Col. Corcoran, Lieut. Hurd believes, escaped during the confusion, as he expressed his determination to try to reach Beaufort, or the north, and has not since been heard from. According to Lieut. Hurd's representation the national prisoners now in that state are treated in the most brutal and unjustifiable manner.

AFTERNOON DESPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.
The senate has confirmed the following appointments of the president: Robert H. Taylor, of California, consul at Margauilla, of Pickering, of Illinois, governor of Washington territory; Geo. L. Milne, receiver of public monies at Springfield, Ill.; Jas. B. Ellis, receiver at Otter Tail City; A. Whitley, receiver at Bayfield, Wis.; Robert B. McDougal, register at Springfield, Ill.; Jas. H. Lane, of Kansas, inspector general of volunteers.

Not more than 21 senators were present at the session to-day. The majority of them, as well as many members of house, having left the city. The attorney general has respectfully declined to give to the senate his opinion in a private claim, alleging that it would be paid immediately. It is a precedent as well as a violation of the constitution for non-compliance with the request.

New York, Dec. 24.

The steamship America from Liverpool, via Halifax, arrived here this morning. Her news is almost entirely anticipated. The Adriatic and several other large steamers at Southampton were expected to be chartered by the British government. It was stated that the British Life Guards had volunteered for foreign service. The government was about to send a number of non-commissioned officers to drill the Canadian militia. Lieut. Schubert, agent for the United States government for the purchase of arms in Europe, is passenger by the America.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.
Comptroller Dennison has returned from Washington, having secured from the secretary of the treasury a return of forty per cent. of the money advanced by the state for expenses of the war. The sum thus received by the state is \$1,113,000.

FOREMAN, Dec. 23.
The skirmish, yesterday, was a slight affair. Two companies of the 20th New York regiment started for Newport News, at 9 o'clock in the morning, and proceeded to New Market bridge, to look for a man who had been lost in the woods on the day before. As we hear, while near the bridge, they found themselves surrounded by rebel cavalry and infantry numbering 700 men, but succeeded in cutting their way out without loss. Reinforcements were sent forward to Camp Hancock, and the remainder of the regiment was sent forward. The

naval brigade, under command of Colonel Wardrop, was also under arms, and proceeded as far as Hampton bridge. Six of the 20th regiment were slightly wounded. Twenty of the enemy are known to have been killed, and a number wounded. Seven dead bodies were found this morning, one was that of an officer, and was taken to Newport News. He wore buttons lettered A. M. M., perhaps the Alabama Minute Men. His name is supposed to be one John Hawkins. It is reported that a whole company of negroes was engaged and two of our men are known to have been shot by them.

The Richmond prisoners are expected here in an hour or two. The gunboat Young Rover, which is stationed at the mouth of the York river, reports an extensive conflagration in Yorktown about a week since.

Str. Louis, Dec. 24.
About a thousand of the rebel prisoners taken by Gen. Pope, arrived here late last night, and were obliged to remain in the cars until this morning when they were escorted by their captors under Col. Davis, to Dr. McDevitt's medical college, where they will be quarters for the present.

The Markets.

New York, Dec. 24.
Flour market dull and drooping, sales 5,000 barrels, 6,25a5.40 super western; 5.50a5.75 common to medium extra western. Wheat market dull and without sales of moment to note.

Under the Holly Bough.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS.

BY CHARLES MACKAY.

Ye who have mourned each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast fading year;
Ye who, by word or deed,
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather round, and singing,
Forget the strife's beginning,
And join in God's great hymn,
Be links no longer broken—
Be words forgiveness spoken
Under the Holly Bough.

Ye who have loved each other,
Sister and friend, and brother,
In this fast fading year;
Ye who have loved and aided,
Young man and maiden maid,
Come gather here,
And let your hearts be joined,
As memory shall ponder,
Such past unbroken vow,
Old love and young wedding,
Are sweet in the recalling,
Under the Holly Bough.

Ye who have mourned sadness,
Kept from hope and gladness,
In this fast fading year;
Ye with a burdened mind,
Mourning from love or kind,
Come gather here,
Let not the weeper sorrow
Purse you night and morn,
If ever you loved, hope now—
Take heart—mourned your faces,
And join in our carols,
Under the Holly Bough.

DOWN ON 'EM.—The Rock Island Argus is down on officers who spree it themselves and refuse their men the same ostensible privilege. It says:

"Soldiers should submit to military discipline, of course, but it is useless to expect very quiet submission, by volunteers, when their officers spend three-fourths of their time riding over railroads, and swilling about hotels and saloons, showing their lace, drinking whiskey, playing cards, smoking cigars, and talking big about the war. Who made these officers? The men. Without their votes not one in ten of them could ever had right to wear a piece of lace. Are they any better than the men in the ranks? Of course not. But somehow must be officers and the men choose those they think most suitable. After they are chosen they generally show their contempt for the men who elected them, and use their arbitrary power to show the world what a difference there is between officers and men. Yet they owe their places to the men, and the ranks often contain their superiors in every respect. There are too many such officers that the volunteer army, and it is not strange that their men are insubordinate—the example of their officers make them so."

"Ah! I am very sorry for this rebellion: it prevents my going south," said an Englishman the other day, dining at a club in Philadelphia by invitation. "They tell me," he continued, "that an American gentleman is to be found only at the south. How is that, pray? Can you explain it?" "I can't," replied his host; "it is no more to be explained than the statement so often made that there are gentlemen in England, but none of them ever come to this country."

DEATH OF FATHER BONDU.—Father Bondu, the venerable pastor of St. James' church, and missionary to the Menomonee Indians, died in this city on Friday morning, the 13th inst., at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Bondu was well and favorably known throughout the state, being one of the old pioneers, and having led an active and useful life. We believe he has been in the state about thirty-five years, and was the first priest who said Mass in Milwaukee. Father B's will has been found, in which he bequeathes all his real estate to the Catholic orphan asylum of Milwaukee.—*Green Bay Advocate.*

Among the Missouri state officials who have refused to file the oath of allegiance with the secretary of state, in accordance with Gen. Halleck's late order, are Judges Nafion, Scott, Ewing and Brecken of the supreme court, and Judges Dunn, Smart, Wright, Hough, Clark, Chenault, Edwards, Redd, and McBride, of the circuit courts, and 16 circuit attorneys.

Out of some 350 or 400 notary publics in St. Louis county, only 100 have filed their oaths. Not more than half, if that, of our clerks have filed. All the above are to be ousted.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

A convention of persons interested in the growth of the Sorgo and Imphee sugar cane, will be held at Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday the 7th of January—the day preceding the Ohio state agricultural convention.

The Harmony Mills, at Cohoes, New York, have just received 100 bales of cotton from Hayti, which will enable them to continue running through the winter—Southern cotton is no longer king.

The herring fisheries of England will prove an almost total failure this season. During the recent gales off the coast two hundred boats lost their nets, being obliged to cut them loose or be capsized.

Masonic Installation.

There will be a public installation of the officers elect for the coming year of West-ern Star Lodge No. 14, of Free and Accepted Masons, on Friday evening, the 27th day of this month, at the Court Room in this city. By request of the lodge an address will also be delivered on the occasion, by Bro. James Armstrong. All masons in good and regular standing, as well as the public generally are invited to be present to witness the ceremonies of installation, and listen to the address.

GEORGE G. MANSFIELD,
MOSES HARSH,
IRA MILTIMORE,
Dec. 21, 1861, Committee.

MARRIED.

By Rev. E. J. Goodrich, on December 24th, 1861, MARCUS ANDERSON and Miss SARAH M. ABBEY, both of Janesville.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society of the State of Wisconsin, will be held at the School House, in District No. 1, in said town, on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1862, at 2 o'clock P. M. A full attendance of the members is expected.

W. A. NORTON, Secretary.
Center, December 24th, 1861.

CIRCUIT COURT—ROCK COUNTY.

John P. Dickson vs. Richard A. Richardson, James B. Crosby and Andania C. Crosby.

By virtue of a judgment of sale and foreclosure made by this court in this action, on the 19th day of December, 1861, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the sidewalk in front of the office now occupied by John P. Hoyt & Co., in Lappin's block in the city of Janesville, on

THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 1862,

at 10 A. M., that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the town of Harmony, county of Rock and state of Wisconsin, and known and distinguished as the north-west half part of the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter of section number thirty-one, in township number three north, of range number thirteen east.—Janesville, Dec. 23, 1861.

SLEEPER & NORTON, Attys.

COUNTY COURT OF ROCK COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of John Dwyer, deceased.

On the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1861, upon reading and filing the petition of Ellen Dwyer, niece of the deceased, and state of Wisconsin, and known and distinguished as the north-west half part of the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter of section number thirty-one, in township number three north, of range number thirteen east.—Janesville, Dec. 23, 1861.

It is ordered, that said application and the matter of the appointment of said administrator of said estate be heard before the said court, at the office of the judge thereof, in the city of Janesville, on the first Monday of February next, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three consecutive weeks, once in each week, prior to said hearing, in the weekly Gazette and Free Press, a newspaper printed and published in said city.

1861. ANOS P. SMITH, County Judge.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

See those New Articles Just Arrived at WEBB'S LOCK'S.

China Glass, Boleman, Colored, Cut and Engraved Glass, Fancy Japanese Servers, Soup Lids, Butter Knives, Tea and Coffee Pots, Rubber and Ivory handled Knives, Carvers, etc., Silver Plated Spoons and Forks, Fancy Silver Plated Boxes, (Gilt Edges, Castors, etc.) They are all new and very cheap.

JANESVILLE, Dec. 24th.

A LARGE Invoice of black and white Shawls, finest quality, just received by RICHMOND & LEECH.

50 CARPONS Velvet Ribbons, all widths, just received by RICHMOND & LEECH.

BEAUTIFUL figured and plain colored Mortices, just received by RICHMOND & LEECH.

THE IRISH BRIGADE!

THE undersigned has been commissioned by the Governor of this state to recruit for the Irish Brigade. Many of the patriotic Irishmen of this city and county have already enlisted in the "Mulligan Guards," but there is room for more. By calling at his office on West Milwaukee street, near Pulker & Kent's auction store, any enquirer in relation to the service, will be answered by the undersigned. Now if ever, is the time for Irishmen to exhibit by their acts, their devotion to the free institutions under which they live.

WM. ADDY, Recruiting Officer.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

FOR THE MILLION!

Just received at the

JEWELRY STORE.

Corner Myers' New Block,

consisting in part of

SILVER WARE!

JEWELRY

of the latest styles,

SILVER PLATED W

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Arrival and Departure of Mails

At the Janesville Post Office, from and after Nov. 4th, 1861:	Arrive.	Close.	Depart.
Chicago, through, via	10:30 P.M.	9:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
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Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Madison, through, via	10:30 P.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.

A New Arrangement.

On the 1st of next January a change will be made in the proprietorship of the Gazette Office by the withdrawal of Mr. Bowen. This change will render absolutely necessary a settlement of the subscriptions and other accounts due the present firm. We hope our friends will give this matter their immediate attention, and leave as few debts as possible for settlement after the change is made. It will be easier and better to all concerned to settle before that time, as a settlement must be made.

A Holiday.

No paper will be issued from this office to-morrow.

Ladies' Festival.

Our readers will not forget the festival at Lappin's Hall this evening. The preparations are such as to give unqualified satisfaction. A "Christmas Tree" offers its attractions to young and old.

An Appeal to the Benevolent.

Encouraged by the generous response to appeals in behalf of Camp Tredway, the friends of Col. Baretow's cavalry would solicit public attention to the pressing necessities of his hospital. The sick, separated from friends whose tender care seems indispensable to even a degree of comfort, stand in need of pillows, pillow cases, sheets, comfortable blankets, quilts, Canton flannel shirts, towels, socks, handkerchiefs and other articles essential to a sick room. We have learned these facts from the surgeon, Dr. Reynolds. He also added that soups were relished by the patients and beneficial to them. Patriots will remember the sick soldier providentially thrown among us, and see that he has no lack. Articles may be left with Mrs. W. P. Barragans or Mrs. Dr. Treat, who will see that they reach their destination.

The Concert at Young America Hall.

The German musicians of this city will give a concert at Young America Hall, on the evening of the 26th. We are informed that they have much excellent musical talent in their society, and we have no doubt that their entertainment will repay all lovers of good music who may patronize them. We trust the hall will be well-filled.

FOR FINE WATCHES call on

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MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY.

The following is a comparative statement of the earnings of the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien railway, from April to November inclusive, for 1860 and 1861:

	1860	1861
Freight	\$72,839.12	\$918,877.45
Passengers	170,145.23	341,008.37
Mail and express	28,211.87	28,211.87
Sundries	15,887.35	15,887.35
Total	\$948,480.90	\$900,210.42

BELOIT COLLEGE.

We have received the catalogue of this institution for 1861 and 1862, which is a very neat pamphlet and contains much valuable information. The summary shows the aggregate number of students to be one hundred and forty-three. Beloit College deservedly ranks high in the list of colleges in the land, and is a credit to the west. The next term begins on the first of January.

MILITARY.

In reply to both parties we would correct a growing misapprehension: Lieut. Addy is recruiting for a company called the "Mulligan Guards," to be attached to the 17th regiment (Irish brigade) of Wisconsin volunteers. Lieut. Knapp is recruiting for the 16th Missouri regiment, U. S. A., "Mulligan brigade." They are two separate and distinct institutions.

Webb & Lee have the latest styles of JEWELRY.

delidaw WEBB & LEE.

FIRST SONGS of the German Singing Society, Cananda, is to take place at the Young America Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th, 1861.

Lovers of singing may secure tickets at the Young America Clothing House, Myers' block. By order of the committee. HENRY PELLAGE, Director.

FOR SILVER SPOONS AND FORKS call on

delidaw WEBB & LEE.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

No housekeeper or cook is fully prepared to enter successfully upon her culinary duties without D. B. De Land & Co's. Chemical Saleratus on hand. It relieves the mind of much care and anxiety experienced by the skillful cook. You can get it of most grocers and merchants in the country. daw

IF you want to see a splendid assortment of SILVER GOODS call on

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SWEET CHILDREN!

The Portage State Register complains of a great tendency to rowdiness in that city. A number of rowdies undertook to prevent S. M. Booth from speaking there recently. The Register is not particularly complimentary either to the parents of the city, or their children. It says:

"This city is cursed with the noisiest, dirtiest, sauciest, raggedest, latest, vulgar, meanest, profane, rudest, most unbecomingly impudent set of little scoundrels that ever robbed a hen roost or an orchard. That the little scamps have parents somewhere, is presumable from a knowledge of physical laws; but the parental knowledge of physical laws, but the parental love is only a spring. That Wanpau will receive a large addition to its inhabitants before the next census is taken, no sane man doubts."

The Register winds up by urging parents to set their children to work with "a fine tooth comb and a hammer."

TO OUR DEBTORS.

It will be seen by a notice in another column, that on the first of January next there will be a change in the proprietorship of the Gazette. THE NECESSITY of a settlement of ALL our accounts will be apparent to all who will give the subject their attention, and as our own convenience will be materially promoted by a settlement before the dissolution of the partnership, and the interest of no debtor will be injured by doing in season what must come at last, we hope there will be no request or attempt at delay. Mr. Wilcox will devote his time to this matter, and as there are a large number of persons to settle with, let each one be prepared when called on. No one will be turned out of the office if he calls here for that purpose.

Plated TEA SETS, Crockery, Cake Baskets, Forks and Spoons, at delidaw WEBB & LEE.

MUSICIANS.

Two fifers and two drummers wanted for Mulligan's Brigade, 16th Mo. Reg. U. S. A. Also, two wagoners. Apply soon to Lieut. Knapp at Schuyler House, Janesville. dec24d4d.

FOR HOLIDAY GOODS, call on

delidaw WEBB & LEE.

COMMERCIAL.

Janesville Wholesale Market.

Reported for the Janesville Gazette, BY BUMP & GRAY, GRAIN AND PRODUCE DEALERS.

JANESVILLE, DECEMBER 24, 1861.

The wheat market was dull to-day and we note a decline of 10c per bushel on all grades; sales of about 8,000 bushels at 55c for milling spring and 45c for shipping, closing quiet. No change to note in other grains. Owing to the favorable weather dried hogs came forward more freely and the market was moderately active at previous quotations:

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SECOND GREAT ARRIVAL

Fall and Winter Goods!

AT THE

NEW AND POPULAR STORE

OF

RIORDAN & LEECH,

Main Street, Janesville.

OWING to the immense trade we have done since commencement in this city, (a trade which far exceeds our most sanguine expectations), we have been obliged to add to our already well selected and extensive stock a still greater variety of

NEW AND DESIRABLE GOODS,

all of which have been purchased previous to the late advance, thereby giving us the advantage of merchants who have been obliged to pay a higher rate for goods purchased within the past week or two; we shall therefore continue to sell at prices which we are sure to give satisfaction, and which have given us the character of

The Cheapest Store in Janesville.

and which we are determined to maintain during our whole business career.

We call particular attention to our extensive variety of

DRESS GOODS,

comprising the latest styles in market: beautiful figured and plain materials, all colors, Ottoman, Repps, Silks, Poplins, double width lincens, black and white, Valencias, Cordonnets, Colours, &c., &c., together with an elegant assortment of

DELAINES,

of the very richest styles.

SHAWLS AND CLOAKS.

In this department we have always been able to boast of the latest selection in town and have added all the

Different Styles Lately Manufactured,

thereby enabling us to offer the

HANDSOMEST LOT OF CLOAKS

to be found in any city of the west, not even excepting Chicago. Our stock of

Brocbe, Square and Long Shawls

are cheaper than ever before offered in this city, being the importation of R. M. M. & Co., and purchased at auction at about one half their actual value. We have on hand an elegant variety of

FURS!

consisting of Ermine, French Goose, Mink, &c., &c., with

MUFFS TO MATCH,

and which we offer

Twenty-Five Per Cent Lower

than any other establishment in this city, a fact fully admitted by all who have purchased of us. Our Furs are entirely new and warranted free from moths. It is unnecessary for us to enumerate our stock.

Call, Examine and Judge for Yourself.

We feel grateful for the extensive patronage bestowed on us and hope to merit its continuation.

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NEW GOODS!

WHEELLOCK'S

JUST RECEIVED, A Splendid Assortment of

CROCKERY.

consisting of several patterns of

White Iron Stone China,

the best in the New York market, and latest styles. Full stock.

STONE CHINA, COLORED WARE, C. G. WARE, ENAMEL WARE, PAINTED WARE, YELLOW AND BROWNISH WARE, &c.

FRENCH CHINA WARE,

Fancy and Plain, in sets and to match. From a large assortment of

GLASS WARE,

Pressed and Cut, Plain and Fancy. Splendid lot of

Kerosene Lamps

will be sold very low.

HANG LAMPS, SIDE LAMPS, &c., &c.

KEROSENE LANTERNS,

something new. Also,

OIL AND FLUID LANTERNS,

good choice,

LAMP CHIMNEYS, SHADES, &c.

Fine assortment of

Looking Glasses,

TEA TRAYS, CASTORS AND ORNATES, TABLE CUTLERY, DESERT KNIVES, RUBBER HANDLES, NEW PATTERNS OF FORKS AND SPOONS, RUBBER BUTTONS, &c.

These goods were bought very low of Importers and Manufacturers only, and will

Be sold Cheap.

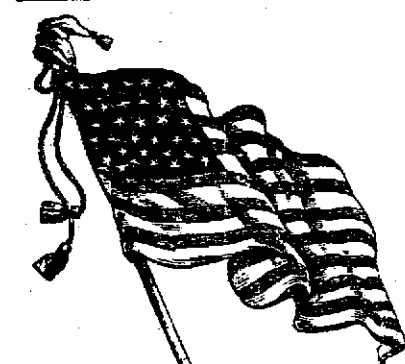
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Forever food that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us?
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us!

What is the Matter at Washington?

That the war is not prosecuted with vigor is the judgment of a large majority of the people. Many, however, withhold complaints because they think the government and the military leaders have some secret plan, which is maturing, that will suddenly overwhelm the rebels. But the number is increasing daily who doubt that there is any general military plan, and who believe that the only scheme for ending the war is political in its nature. Our military operations are comparatively fruitless. The generals appear to be held back by the president and the cabinet, or such commanders are appointed as are known to be slow and conservative. The object of this policy appears to be to worry out the rebels and not offend the half way men in the south who pretend to be Union men. It seems that the favorite political policy is, that the while the rebellion is to be suppressed by worrying, the seceded states are to be restored to the Union in precisely the condition they were before the rebellion. We have not seen the instructions of the secretary of state to our ministers abroad, but it is said that he declares to Mr. Drayton that whether the rebellion is suppressed or not, slavery in the rebel states will remain as it is. This appears to be the key to the want of vigor manifested by the administration—it is their determination, in restoring the Union, not to permit slavery to be harmed. It also explains the modification of Fremont's proclamation, his subsequent superseding, the modification of Cameron's report, the returning of fugitive slaves by officers of the army, or their expulsion from their lines, and the general disinclination to clear the departments at Washington from sympathizers with the rebellion and to punish leading traitors. Slavery is to remain as it is, though the rebellion lasts for years. We are to run all the risks of foreign wars, internal revolution, and an enormous national debt, rather than harm the sacred institution. This is "what is the matter at Washington." The administration does not dare to let a general march into the heart of the south, carrying with him a victorious northern army, for fear the Union cannot be reconstructed as it was, with the accused evil of slavery attached to it. We have reconstructed Western Virginia, and we have a senator, Carlisle, from thence, who talks of negro thieves as glibly as Mason, and declares, if the institution is harmed, that southern Union men will leave the army. This is the result, all we have gained, by the toils and loss of lives, by our brave northern volunteers in that portion of Virginia from whence this precious Union man with an if, comes into the senate chamber to lecture us on slavery, and denounce patriotic men as negro thieves. If we are to go on in our reconstruction as we have thus begun, and if this is to be our reward, the people will soon begin to ask, Will it pay?

THE MORTAR FLEET.

Commodore Porter's mortar fleet will be ready to sail the latter part of this month. The schooners and brig, twenty in number, are now receiving extra timbers at New York ship yards. The mortar bed-plates, upon which the ponderous ordnance will rest, are now in process of manufacture at New York iron works. Each vessel will carry one mortar of the largest dimensions, supplied by the government. The draught of vessels equipped, will range from ten to twelve feet, especially adapting them for service in shallow waters. Their destination is known only to the government.

B. F. HOPKINS, ESQ., RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP EAST ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

We are authorized to say that he went and returned as his own and not at the State's expense. —Madison Patriot.

IS THIS INCIDENT SO UNCOMMON IN MADISON THAT IT IS WORTHY OF SPECIAL NOTICE?

A HIGHWAYMAN'S PLEA.—The London Times of December 5th says:

"We are not more immaculate than other people. When we were at once strong and passionate, we sometimes did unjustifiable things. Having done them, we generally fought our way out of the difficulty, but we never claimed to make precedents for them, nor were other nations ever willing to accept them as such. International law, like municipal law, changes with the necessities of society; and both Gen. Scott and his friends at home must be prepared to accept as international law not what we or others have done in old times, but what we should be permitted ourselves to do in the present day."

A MEETING OF THE "GRAND STATE LEAGUE OF FARM MORTGAGORS" IS CALLED, TO BE HELD IN MILWAUKEE, ON THE 24 DAY OF JANUARY.

Read the prospectus of the New York Ledger, in another column. It shows how real talent will thrive in spite of the times. The Ledger is the most successful paper ever published, and has the largest circulation. See what Mr. Bonner says in his own advertisement.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The telegraph office will be open to-morrow (Christmas) from 8 to 11 o'clock A. M.

An Important Letter

The Wisconsin of last evening contains a letter making serious charge of misconduct against the colonel of every Wisconsin regiment in the department of the Potomac except Col. Cobb, which should receive the attention of those implicated. We forbear from re-publishing these charges until sufficient time has been allowed for a denial, if they are untrue, or such other notice of them as the officers may choose to make. The writer of this letter, whose signature is "Outside," is so well known as to relieve his communication from the character of an anonymous publication. We do not see how the persons implicated can avoid a notice of the charges without an indirect admission of the truth.

The letter contains some other matters of general interest which we extract:

I have heard of the great difficulty of obtaining a pass to visit our encampments.—"I didn't see it," in fact one was placed in my hand without asking, good for "six days," and I shall visit all the Wisconsin regiments about Washington ere I leave, and give you the result of my observations. Sunday afternoon and evening visited the camps of the 6th, 7th and 2d. The second since the Bull Run affair, has much improved in appearance, and when they next go into the fight they will be heard from. No better regiment is in the army of the Potomac. Col. O'Connor was in camp; I was glad to see him there; but sorry to say that owing to a throat affection he can speak but little above his breath, and then only with tremendous effort. That he would make a good commander of a regiment, had he the physical ability, there is no doubt; but as it is he should have a prospect of getting over this difficulty soon or resign.

DUNKEN SOLDIERS IN THE STREETS.

I am disappointed, sadly disappointed, at the appearance of things in and about Washington. Yesterday afternoon, in walking from the capitol to the post office, a distance of say three-fourths of a mile, I counted on the sidewalk lounging and those I met, five hundred and twenty-two in the uniform of the U. S. A., officers and soldiers. On my way back I did not count them, but met as many more. I should judge, and saw two marched off by the police drunk, and many others in not much better condition. At least, there were in the streets of Washington yesterday, 3,000 officers and soldiers, and they can all the hour they have money to pay for. In the camp, also, liquor can be had by paying money enough for it. It is proscribed by the regulations, but officers who drink themselves cannot enforce the rule very strictly. Many of the officers do all in their power to banish it from their camp, but thus far with partial success only. Men whom I saw here in July, call my attention to the throng of soldiers in the streets, in the capitol, drinking saloons, everywhere in the city, and with a shake of the head, say, "almost as bad as before Bull Run." Now, also, as few of the thousands in the city, also very few of the thousands in the regiments.

ABOUT SENDING JELLIES, &c., FOR THE SICK.

When in Milwaukee on my way here, two very worthy and benevolent ladies made me promise to write as to the best way of sending delicacies and necessities for the sick in camp, and to them just as it is. My advice to them, and all others, is: If you have anything of the kind to spare, seek out the destitute in Milwaukee or elsewhere in your own neighborhood, and see *yourself* that it reaches the person for whom it is intended. If you send it here, the chances are that it will go to the private store of some officer, unless directed to some individual, in care of the quartermaster, and then it would do no harm to send a letter to the person advising him of its being sent. I know those women to be actuated by the most generous and holy impulses, those which ennoble humanity; and yet I also know that jellies and other delicacies sent from Wisconsin to our soldiers, under such circumstances, have been taken for the private use of the strong and able man; and my friends need not wonder that it was very difficult for me to refrain from using hard words when I learned it. If, however, the old principle that, better ninety and nine guilty go unpunished, than one innocent suffer, is applied to this case, why send along your jellies? for I think that is just about the proportion that will be benefited.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

I notice that both our senators are all the time at their posts, and no man commands more attention when speaking than Doolittle. I have not heard Judge Howe in the senate; but we know his power as a speaker, and that when occasion calls, his voice will be heard, and that too with effect.

It is doing but simple justice to Mr. Potter to say that there is no harder working member in congress than he. He is ready and late in his committee room, and a man I verily believe for the best interests of the country. His experience here, and familiarity with the way and manner of doing business with the department give him power that no new member possesses, and it is useless to ignore the fact that he is influential, both in and out of the house. Both Hanchett and Sloan occupy enviable positions for new members, and as a whole, Wisconsin may feel proud of her representatives.

YOUNG CARPENTER, OF MILWAUKEE, TURNS UP.

The North Carolina convention and provisional government, that gave encouragement to many of the people of the north, appears to have been a great humbug. The "large delegation" from Raleigh, and from the south part and centre of that state, was "got up" by some fine individuals who represented twenty-nine counties. When I heard of it I thought they must have pulled after the time, and I saw that the cause here was a class of soldiers that rotate between the hospital and the soldier's shop. When out of the hospital they indulge their appetite in candies, pie, cake, raisins, figs, &c., and as a natural result go back to the hospital, to repeat the same thing as soon as they get out.

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He is one of the most desperate and unscrupulous of the marauders of this section, and it is to be hoped that he will receive the punishment and forfeiture his crimes deserve.

It seems that Col. Magoffin having visited his home and arranged his affairs, sent a messenger recalling his parole, but instead of surrendering himself as officers usually do, he left, and before the messenger reached Sedalia was in the rebel army, and when the fight came on, feeling that he deserved, and would probably receive, different treatment from those who had not forfeited all rights, he was captured as a prisoner of war, and sent desperately but unavailingly, Gen. Pope refused to accept his parole, and ordered him to be placed in confinement until Gen. Halleck decided what disposition to make of him.

TO-DAY'S REPORT.

(Reported Exclusively for the Daily Gazette.)

MORNING DESPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

The President has approved and signed the bill to further promote the efficiency of the navy.

Tribune special.—We learn that Lord Lyons had to-day another interview with Mr. Sewerd. It is understood, upon what seems to be good authority, that the meeting was friendly in its character and satisfactory in its results. Lord Lyons, who some days ago seemed to be in doubt whether he could do so, has formally renewed his previous invitations for Christmas. A cabinet meeting is to be held to-morrow, at which it is thought the case will be thoroughly discussed.

Intelligence was received to-day that Gen. Kelly was at Hancock, and about to move toward Winchester by way of Martinsburg, driving the rebels from that section of the state as he proceeded, and re-opening the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as soon as practicable. Money has gone to Kansas to-day to pay the arrears due the troops raised there to whip Missouri rebels. \$229,000 is the sum raised.

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The Times publishes an interesting statement made by Lieut. Hurd of the 24 Maine regiment, who was wounded and taken prisoner at Bull Run, and has recently been released. He together with Col. Corcoran, and some 300 others, were confined in the Charleston jail at the time of the great conflagration there and they only escaped from the jail which was burnt, by leaping from a window. No effort being made to save them by the Charlestonians. Col. Corcoran, Lieut. Hurd believes, escaped during the confusion, as he expressed his determination to try to reach Beaufort, or the north, and has not since been heard from. According to Lieut. Hurd's representation the national prisoners now in the south are treated in the most brutal and unjustifiable manner.

AFTERNOON DESPATCHES.

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The senate has confirmed the following appointments of the president: Robert H. Hays, of California, consul at Marquette, Wis.; Pierce, of Illinois, governor of Washington territory; Geo. L. Miller, receiver of public monies at Springfield, Ill.; Jas. B. Ellis, receiver at Otter Fall City; A. Whittelsey, receiver at Bayfield, Wis.; Robert B. McDougall, register at Springfield, Ill.; Jas. H. Lane, of Kansas, brigadier general of volunteers.

Not more than 21 senators were present at the session to-day. The majority of them, as well as many members of house, having left the city. The attorney general has respectfully declined to give to the senate his opinion on a private claim, alleging precedent as well as want of power, as a justification for non-compliance with the request.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

The steamship America from Liverpool, via Halifax, arrived here this morning. Her crew is almost entirely antislavery. The Adriatic and several other large steamers at Southampton were expected to be chartered by the British government. It was stated that the British Life Guards had volunteered for foreign service. The government was about to send a number of non-commissioned officers to drill the Canadian militia. Geo. L. Schuyler, agent for the United States government for the purchase of arms in Europe, is passenger via Halifax.

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